



The skills required to be an effective learner in the 21st century requires one to be resourceful, collaborate, critically think, and interact in a digital environment. Many of our students have devices capable of addressing many of the components of 21st century learning- their smartphones! Smartphones which have become ubiquitous (found everywhere) in our society are typically not allowed in the classroom. WHY? There are so many benefits with these devices it would be foolhardy to not use them in the classroom for EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. As such, I have been diligently looking into an effective, and efficient way to ingrate this technology in the classroom. Please read through this policy throughly and sign if you agree.

It is my hope to use smartphones in the classroom context as soon as possible. If you have ANY questions about my BYOD (bring your own device) policy please reach me at the following email.

Cheers,

Mr. Jason Pigott
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For the purpose of the BYOD policy, a personal technology device is a privately-owned, wireless electronic smartphone only (tablets, laptops, and other internet connected devices will not be used at this time). Note that this is a district policy, and that the middle school BYOD program has minimum requirements for permitted devices.

Student devices may only access the Internet using their smartphone in Mr. Pigott's Seventh Grade Social Studies class. Students will NOT HAVE ACCESS to the wireless network in school. We do not have the capabilities (currently) to handle the bandwidth associated with smartphones at ECA.

It is important to note students will be using data on their cellphones. That said, parents/guardians are aware this data usage could impact ones cellphone bill.

Security and Damages

The individual owner is responsible for the security and safety of the device. Canton City Schools and its employees **are not liable** for any device brought to any facility within the district. Individuals are encouraged to utilize security methods to protect their own devices. The District will not investigate the theft of, loss of, or damage to a personal device.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

In order for an individual to bring his/her smartphone into to Mr. Pigott's seventh grade social studies classroom at Early College Academy, the following BYOD terms and expectations must be understood, agreed, and adhered to:

Parents/guardians & students please initial after you have read each of the following expectations. Ensure the expectation is read thoroughly to avoid miscommunication of the BYOD policy.

1. _____ Smartphones will be on the owner's data plan NOT on the wifi at Canton City Schools. Canton City Schools will not be held responsible for an increase in ones cellphone bill as a result of using the phone in the classroom.
2. _____ **Smartphones will only be in Mr. Pigott's classroom. These devices will not be used in ANY other classroom unless EXPLICITLY approved by the teacher. Teachers will send home a contract (much like this one) to make one aware of their classroom smartphone policy.**
3. _____ Smartphones must be placed in silent mode and in the students pocket (away from view) while on school campuses and buses.
4. _____ Smartphones may not be used to plagiarize or cheat.
5. _____ Smartphones may not be used to record, transmit, or post photographic images or videos of a person or persons on school property without prior approval by a staff member.
6. _____ Smartphones must not be used to transmit content of a bullying nature.
7. _____ Smartphones will not be used to send text messages during school hours
8. _____ Smartphones must not be used to send messages that violate federal, state, and local laws or any School Board policy.
9. _____ The school's network filters must be applied and may not be bypassed.
10. _____ Infecting any Canton City School property with a virus or program that damages, alters, destroys, or provides access to unauthorized data/information is a violation of School Board policy. This includes bypassing network security policies.
11. _____ The school district has the right to collect and examine any device.
12. _____ Games are not permitted without teacher permission.
13. _____ Access to school printers is unavailable.
14. _____ Smartphones must be charged prior to coming to school and will not be charged at school.
15. _____ Using any smartphone at unauthorized times will result in the loss of privileges.
16. _____ The individual owner is responsible for the security and safety of the device. Canton City Schools and its employees are not liable for any device brought to any facility within the district. Individuals are encouraged to utilize security methods to protect their own devices. The District will not investigate the theft of, loss of, or damage to a personal device.

(student signature)

(date)

(print student name)

(parent signature)

(date)

(print parent name)

(teacher signature)

(date)

(print teacher name)